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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE BY U.S. CITI  
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REF.: BANGUI 2665; PARIS 36065; BANGUI 2685

1. AMEMBASSY TRANSMITTED DECEMBER 22, 1977 DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FRENCH MFA REQUESTING THAT FRENCH POSTS INDICATED IN REFTEL (BANGUI 36065) BE ADVISED ON VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE. WE WILL FORWARD RESPONSE UPON RECEIPT.
2. RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF ABOVE NOTE ARE REPEATED BELOW FYI.
3. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA... HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH VISA INQUIRIES MADE BY UNITED STATES CITIZENS AT SOME FRENCH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN BANGUI HAS INFORMED THIS EMBASSY THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN RABAT AND THE FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAL IN LONDON HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INFORMED UNITED STATES  
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CITIZENS TRAVELING TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE THAT THEY DID NOT NEED TOURIST VISAS.

IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THIS EMBASSY AND THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN BANGUI THAT, SINCE FEBRUARY 13, 1976, ALL CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVELING TO OR TRANSITING THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO POSSESS VALID VISAS. FAILURE TO

ACQUIRE A CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE VISA BEFORE ARRIVING  
IN THAT COUNTRY CAN UNDULY COMPLICATE TRAVEL FOR  
UNITED STATES CITIZENS.

THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE  
OF THE MINISTRY TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION WITH THE  
FRENCH MISSIONS INVOLVED IN ORDER TO AVOID FUTURE  
MISUNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR  
UNITED STATES CITIZENS TRAVELING THROUGH THE CENTRAL  
AFRICAN EMPIRE."

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